# DRAFT MINUTES TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE November 13, 2007 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mickie Stuckey, Acting Chairwoman, at 9:00 a.m., Room 122, State Board of Equalization (BOE), 450 N Street, Sacramento, California, with the following in attendance. A quorum was present.

### TIMBER ADVISORY

### COMMITTEE (TAC) MEMBER REPRESENTING

Mickie Stuckey, Acting Chair BOE

Tim Holcomb Assessor, El Dorado County Linda Hill Assessor, Humboldt County

Marsha Wharff Assessor/Recorder/Clerk, Mendocino County

Charles Leonhardt Assessor, Plumas County
Mike Mallory Assessor, Siskiyou County
Marty Olhiser Large-Scale Timber Owners
George Belden Small-Scale Timber Owners

Christopher Zimny CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTING

John Davis Green Diamond Resources Co.

Chris Freeman PALCO

Len LindstrandWm Beaty & Assoc.Carole RuwartBOE, Legal DepartmentDaniel PaulBOE, Legal Department

Dean Kinnee BOE, County-Assessed Properties Division (CAPD)

Benjamin Tang

BOE, CAPD, Timber Tax Section

1. Approval of the April 26, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Tim Holcomb moved to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2007 meeting. Mike Mallory seconded the motion, which then passed without objection.

- 2. Harvest Value Discussion for Period January 1, 2008 June 30, 2008
  - a. Tables G & S Green and Salvage Values Schedules

Benjamin Tang gave an overview of general trends in the timber market. Chris Freeman of PALCO commented on the suggested RG values for TVA 1. He felt that the suggested RG values for TVA 1, 1H 2008 should be changed back to the 2H 2007 values. Art Tenneson responded that the suggested values are well supported and within the indicated value ranges of sales included in the analysis. John Davis requested a copy of the log index used for 1H 2008 valuations. Benjamin Tang stated that staff would provide the TAC and meeting attendees with a copy of the changes.

Benjamin Tang discussed Table S values in general. Peter Murphy announced staff's suggested changes from 140 to 110 for FS and from 320 to 370 for ICS in TVA 7 due to recent salvage sales obtained from the Moonlight Fire. George Belden questioned whether a modified schedule would be more appropriate for this situation. Peter Murphy replied that there were very few timber owners affected and that there wasn't sufficient volume to warrant a modified schedule.

Marsha Wharff moved to approve the values on Table G as presented and Table S with staff's announced changes. Linda Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

#### b. Table 1, Miscellaneous Forest Products Harvest Values

Benjamin Tang provided a general overview of Table 1, Miscellaneous Harvest Values, and staff's suggested changes from the previous schedule. Mike Mallory moved to approve the suggested values for Table 1. Tim Holcomb seconded the motion, which then passed without objection.

#### 3. Other Business

a. Cost differential between helicopter and tractor logging because of increased fuel costs

Benjamin Tang reported that staff prepared a study of the differential between helicopter and tractor logging costs. Art Tenneson reported the results of the study. He stated that staff is suggesting increasing the helicopter deduction from \$180 to \$200. Tim Holcomb moved to approve the suggested deduction change. George Belden seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

# b. Timber Production Zone (TPZ) values

Benjamin Tang stated that the 2007 Timberland Production Zone values were scheduled for approval at the November 15, 2007 Board Administrative Consent Agenda.

# c. Update on transition to new computer programs

Benjamin Tang reported that Phase I of the project is scheduled to be completed in November 2007 and that Phase II is scheduled to be completed in April 2008.

# d. Meeting with Forest Tax administrators

Benjamin Tang gave a general overview of the 2007 Western States Forest Tax Administrators Conference that was hosted by California this year.

# e. Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next TAC meeting was tentatively set for April 23, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

#### 4. New Business

There was no new business.

## 5. Adjournment

Mickie Stuckey adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.